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Clown's efforts to control his own destiny and seize power, have put him at odds with his old master, now that Malebolgia has returned.

No longer willing to play the role of servant, Clown has made every effort to thwart Malebolgia's return to full power, but the once and future Lord of the Eighth Circle of Hell will not go quietly.

And so the stage is set for an epic battle. Spawn vs. Malebolgia begins NOW...

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YOU
GOING TO
JUST STAND
THERE STARING
ME DOWN?

YOU DON'T
REALLY BELIEVE YOU
HAVE A CHANCE
AGAINST ME, DO YOU?
I DIDN'T THINK I MADE
YOU SPAWN'S THAT
STUPID.

YOU
DIDN'T
MAKE
ME.

THAT'S YOUR
FIRST MISTAKE.
SO, IF YOU HAVE
SOMETHING YOU
WANT TO GET OFF
YOUR CHEST-- I'M
RIGHT HERE.

OTHERWISE
GET THE HELL OUT
OF MY FACE!



DO
NOT...
TEMPT
ME!



I'LL
DO MORE
THAN THAT.



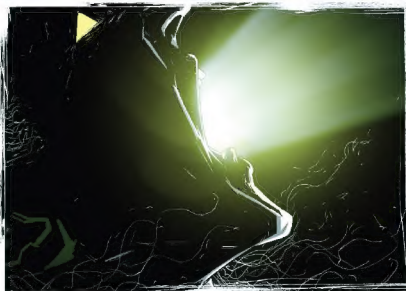
SEE, YOU'RE
NOT THE ONLY
ONE HERE WITH
POWERS.

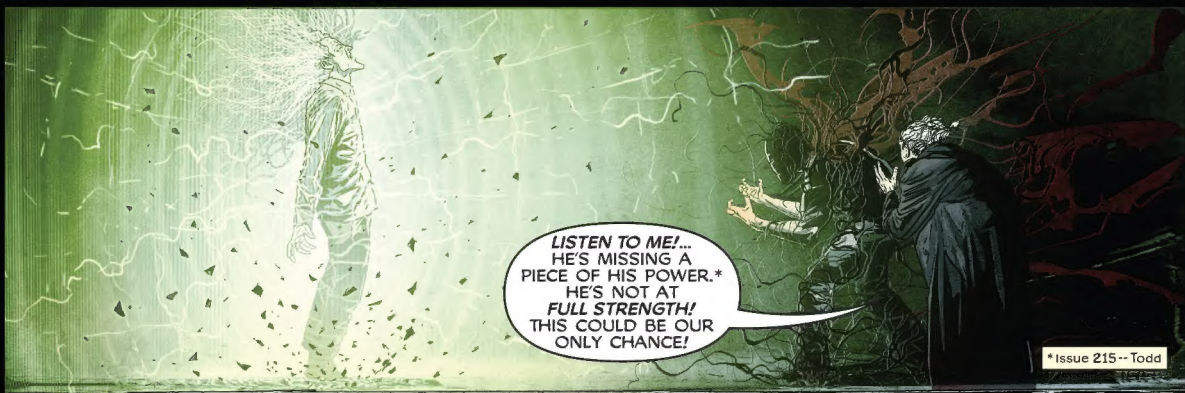


LET IT GO!!
GODAMMIT,
LET IT GO!



YOU DON'T WANT
THIS FIGHT, JIM --
NOT LIKE THIS! **NOT HERE!**
YOU'LL TAKE OUT THIS
BUILDING AND HALF THE
NEIGHBORHOOD!



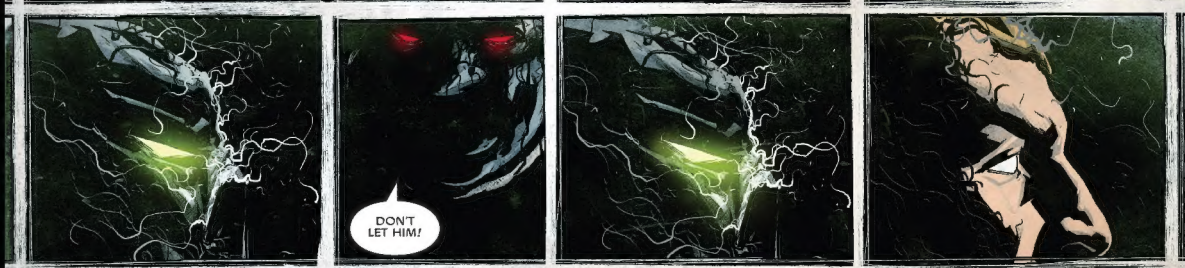


LISTEN TO ME!...
HE'S MISSING A
PIECE OF HIS POWER.*
HE'S NOT AT
FULL STRENGTH!
THIS COULD BE OUR
ONLY CHANCE!

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YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO **TRUST ME**
ON THIS ONE! HE'S
TRYING TO GOAD YOU INTO
SOMETHING!



DON'T
LET HIM!



WE CAN
LOSE HIM...




IN THE
SHADOWS.





WHERE'RE
WE
HEADING?

DOESN'T
MATTER.



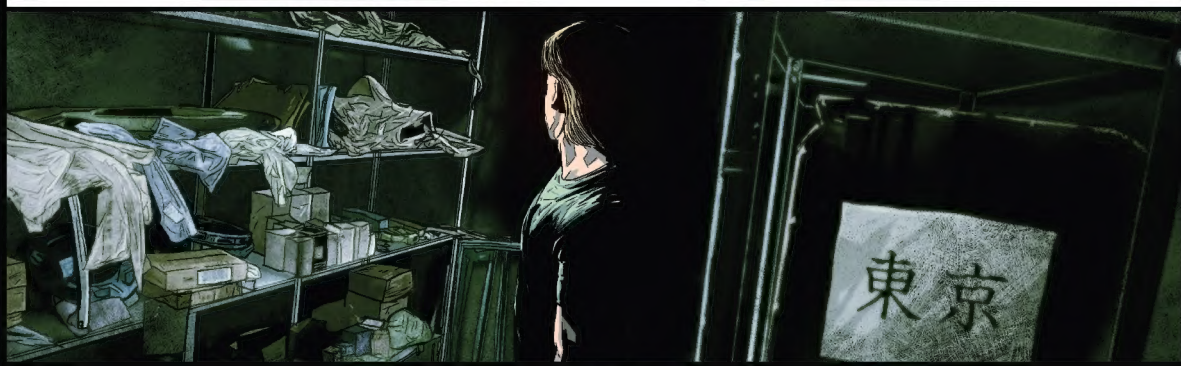
JUST KEEP
MOVING WITHIN
THE SHADOWS.
MALEBOLGIA CAN'T
SPAN THE DISTANCES
YOU AND YOUR
COSTUME CAN.

AND HE SURE
AS HELL CAN'T
TRACK **BOTH OF US**
AT ONCE-- NOT IF
WE SPLIT UP. HE'S
TOO WEAK.

SO YOU
NEED TO DO
ME A FAVOR--
NO MATTER WHAT
HAPPENS-- KEEP HIM
AWAY FROM ME FOR
TWENTY MINUTES.
THIS IS GOING TO
BE THE ONLY CHANCE
I'LL HAVE TO GET
WHAT I NEED.
CAN YOU DO
THAT?



SURE...





**WHERE
IS HE!?**



WHERE
ARE YOU
HIDING
CLOWN?

I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE...
TALKING
ABOUT.



WHAT DID
HE TELL YOU?
THAT I'M WEAK?
THAT I DON'T HAVE
THE POWER TO
CRUSH YOU
RIGHT HERE?

THAT I
COULDN'T
TRACK YOU
HERE TO JAPAN?
IS THAT WHAT
HE'S TELLING
YOU?



HERE...



LET ME
SHOW YOU
HOW FAST I TRAVEL
IN THE DARKNESS
AND HOW **UNAFRAID**
I AM OF BOTH OF
YOU!



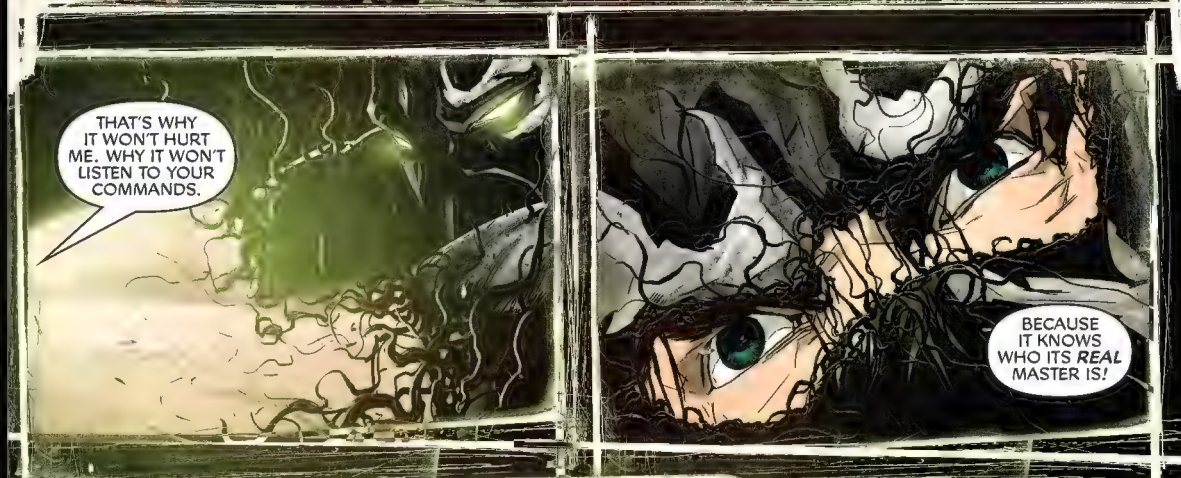
I'LL EVEN
DO IT ON
YOUR **HOME**
TURF!





NO I DON'T.
BECAUSE I
ALREADY
CONTROL
YOU!

YOUR
COSTUME-- I
CREATED AND
OWN IT! NOT
YOU!



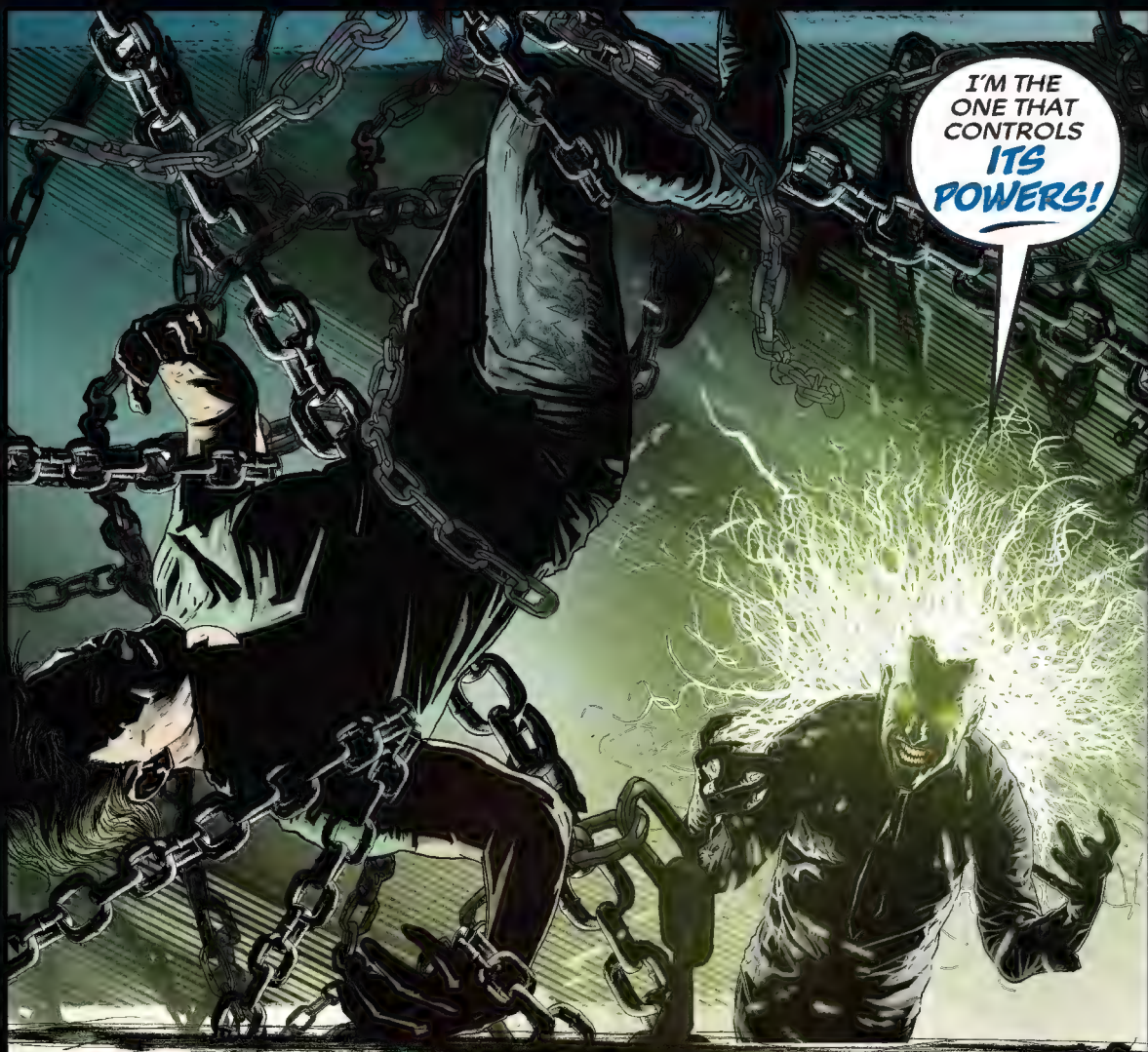
THAT'S WHY
IT WON'T HURT
ME. WHY IT WON'T
LISTEN TO YOUR
COMMANDS.

BECAUSE
IT KNOWS
WHO ITS REAL
MASTER IS!

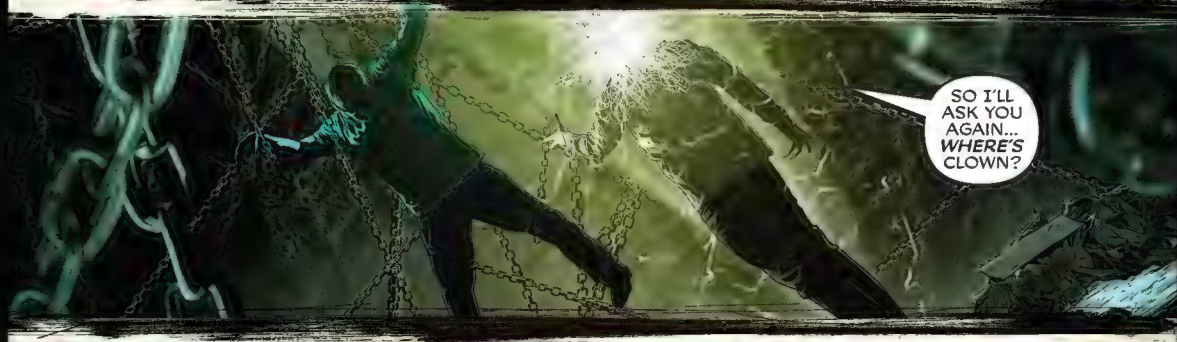


AND AS
MUCH AS
YOU THINK
YOU'RE A
SPAWN...

Shinkkk



I'M THE
ONE THAT
CONTROLS
ITS
POWERS!

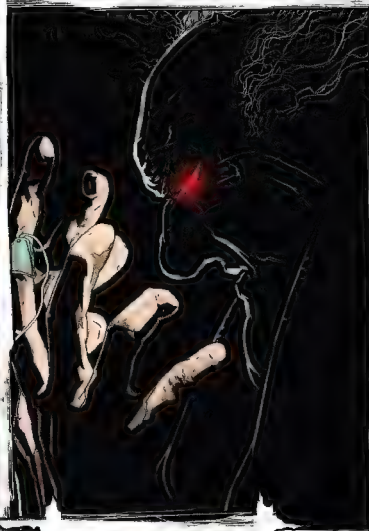


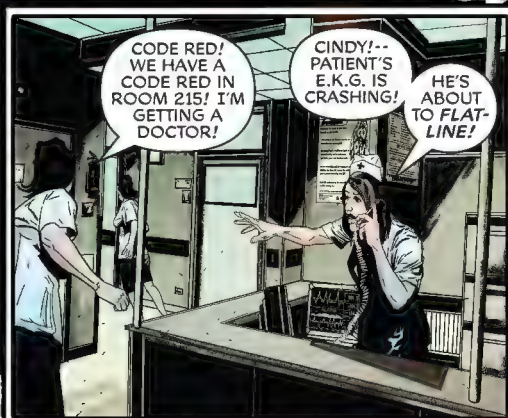
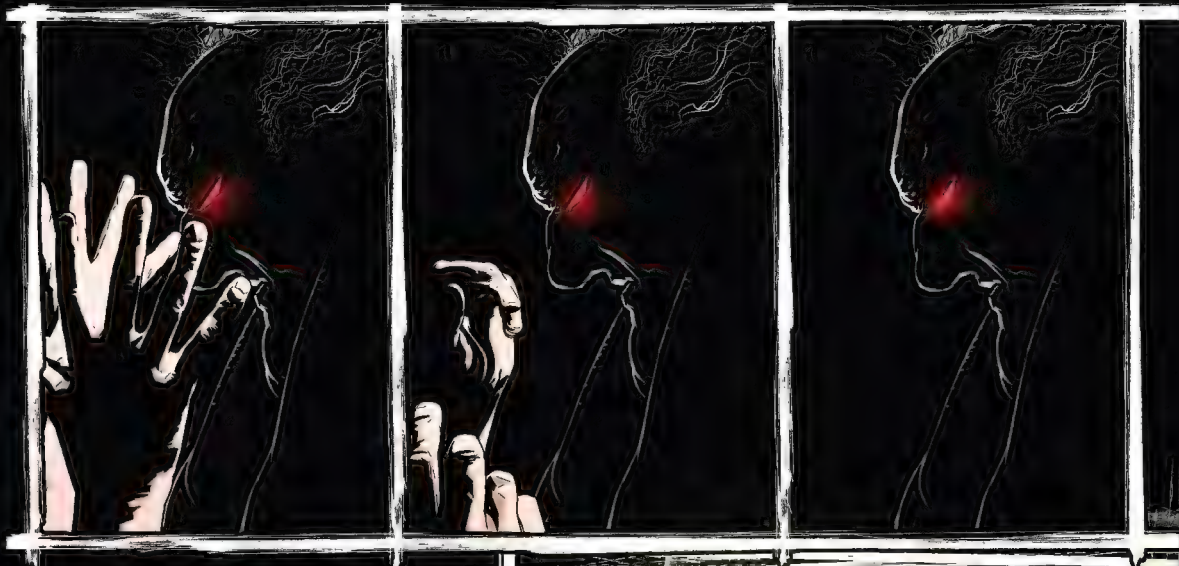
SO I'LL
ASK YOU
AGAIN...
**WHERE'S
CLOWN?**



YOU SEE,
HE TOOK
SOMETHING THAT
DIDN'T BELONG TO
HIM. BUT I GUESS
HE ALREADY TOLD
YOU THAT--
DIDN'T HE?







SHKAMM

BEFORE
GETTING UP--
YOU MAY
WANT TO PAY
ATTENTION
TO HOW YOU
LOOK.

WHAT'D
YOU DO?
TELL YOUR
COSTUME TO
HIDE?

NO. I
DIDN'T
HAVE
TO.

BUT YOU
WOULDN'T KNOW THAT
BECAUSE YOU'VE NO IDEA
WHERE YOU ARE, DO YOU? WELL,
LET ME ENLIGHTEN YOU-- IT'S
CALLED THE **DEAD ZONE**. THERE'S
A HANDFUL OF THEM. THEY'RE THE
SPOTS WHERE GOD PLACES MY
DEMONS AND MY SPAWNS
BACK ON EARTH.

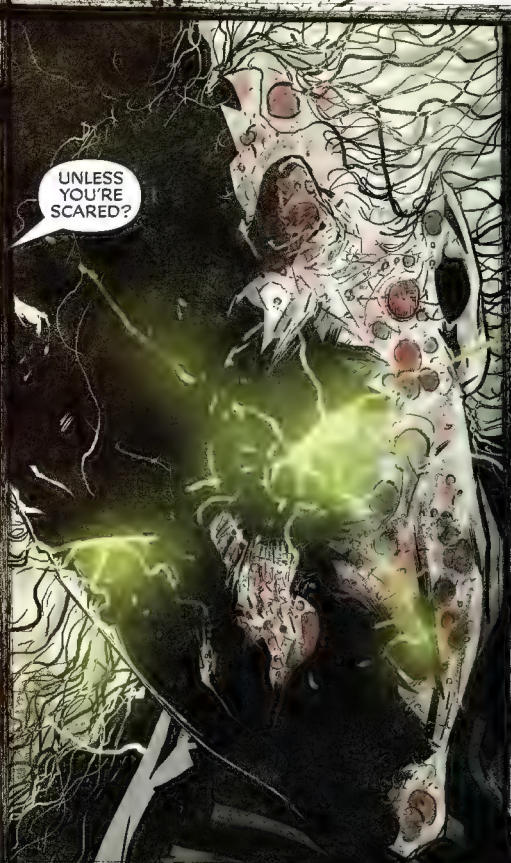
I GET THE SOUL,
BUT HEAVEN CHOOSES
THE DESTINATION. AND TO
BALANCE IT ALL-- THE OPPOSITE
OCCURS WITH HEAVEN'S
SOULS-- I GET TO PLACE
THEM WHEREVER I WANT,
GLOBALLY.



THE
CRUEL TWIST
IS THAT EACH
SPOT COMPLETELY
ELIMINATES ALL OF
A SOUL'S POWER
AS LONG AS THEY
ARE WITHIN THE
ZONE. LIKE YOU
ARE NOW.

I GUESS THAT
MEANS YOU'RE
AFRAID OF ME...
RIGHT? I MEAN, WHY
ELSE WOULD YOU
NEED TO STRIP MY
POWERS?

UNLESS
YOU'RE
SCARED?





THE WAY
CLOWN WAS
TALKING-- HE
SAID YOU COULD RULE
THIS PLANET YOURSELF.
BUT HOW'S THAT
POSSIBLE WHEN YOU
DON'T HAVE THE
GUTS TO STAND UP
TO ME?

I BET YOU
CAN'T EVEN
CONTROL WHO
YOU ARE! ARE YOU
THE FREAK? ARE YOU
MALEBOLGIA? OR
SOME HALF-BREED
PRETENDING TO
BE TOUGHER THAN
YOU REALLY
ARE?



SO WHAT'D'YA
SAY? WHY DON'T
YOU COME JOIN ME IN
THIS 'DEAD ZONE'
INSTEAD OF COWERING
OUTSIDE IT?



THAT'S
MY BIG
GIRL!




TELL ME
THE
TRUTH!



YOU DON'T
CONTROL ANY-
THING! DO YOU?
ESPECIALLY THE
COSTUME!

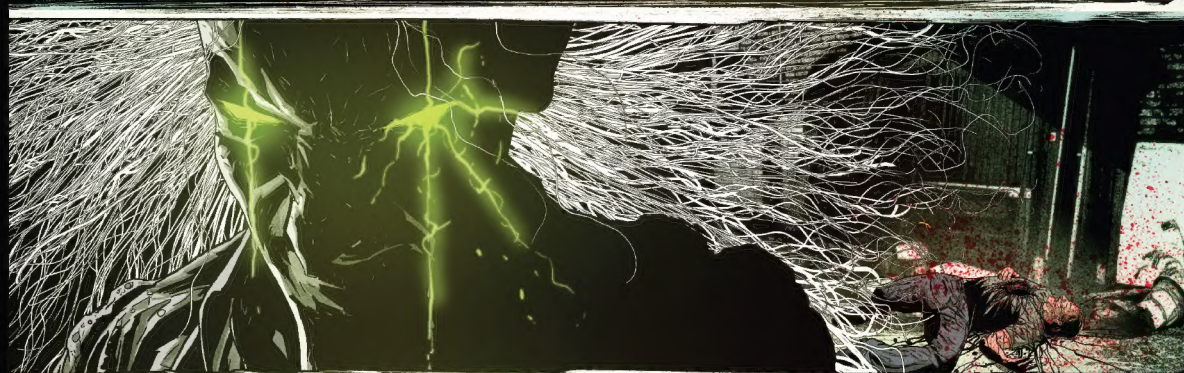
IF
YOU DID,
YOU'D HAVE
MADE IT
ATTACK
ME!



OR SUFFOCATE
ME? OR STRANGLE
ME? ANYTHING!

THAT'S
BECAUSE I
WANTED TO...

DO IT
MYSELF!!





...WE
AREN'T
DONE
YET!



**NEXT: WINGS OF
REDEMPTION**





Tyrant
Lizard
King

EMPIRE